



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, the observance of Thanksgiving Day is a national tradition originated in colonial times by our pilgrim forefathers as an expression of gratitude to the Almighty for the freedom, prosperity, peace, stability, and bounties of life enjoyed in this land of the free and home of the brave; and

WHEREAS, Thanksgiving marks the commencement of the holiday season bringing increased expressions of love, spirituality, family togetherness, compassion and service; and

WHEREAS, Idahoans are thankful for our forefathers' determination and devotion, centered upon their strong faith in their Creator, that allows us to enjoy a variety of abundant blessings – a sound economy, good schools, beautiful churches in which to worship, clean air, clean water, magnificent open countryside, plentiful fish and game, and congenial citizens who are willing to work together for the good of all and dedicated to keeping our state a great place in which to live; and

WHEREAS, as citizens of this beautiful, bountiful state, Idahoans are grateful for the love of family and friends and for the freedoms we enjoy; therefore, it is fitting to express thanks for the many blessings and opportunities we have as we celebrate this "day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father," as proclaimed by President Abraham Lincoln;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim Thursday November 28, 2002, to be

THANKSGIVING DAY

in Idaho. May this Thanksgiving be a day of love and harmony as we gather together renewing family ties and friendships and offer thanks for the bounteous blessings bestowed on each of us; may we share our prosperity with the homeless and less fortunate and open our homes to the lonely, discouraged and weary; and may this be the beginning of a holiday season and year filled with love, companionship, sharing, peace and worship.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this ninth day of October in the year of our Lord two-thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirteenth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dirk Kempthorne".

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Pete T. Cenarrusa".

PETE T. CENARRUSA
SECRETARY OF STATE